

## REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006, prior to preparing this response. Currently claims 41-54 are pending in the application. Favorable consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 41-54 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,652,505. Applicant has enclosed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c) with this response in order to overcome the double patenting rejection.

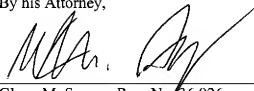
Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is submitted that all pending claims are currently in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is anticipated. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612.677.9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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